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Re: FAP Route 827 (ILL 15), Section 12Z-3,12BR, Wabash County Illinois/Gibson County Indiana (IND RT 64), Contract No. 94450. Replacement of SR64 bridge over the Wabash River in Gibson County, Indiana, INDOT Des. No.: 9502700.

Dear Mr. Fuesting:

Attached is one (1) signed copy of the recently received wetlands mitigation agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Indiana Department of Transportation whereby INDOT has agreed to mitigate, in Indiana, for the destruction of all jurisdictional wetlands lost as the result of the construction of the aforementioned project. We hope that this agreement will allow you to now obtain the design approval for this project.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning the above, please do not hesitate to call either myself at (317) 232-5305 or Chris Andrews at (317) 232-5219.

Sincerely,

James E. Juricic, Manager

Division of Preliminary

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PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FAP Route 821 (III. 15/Ind. 64) Section 12Z-3,12BR Wabash County, Illinois Gibson County, Indiana

Mr. James E. Juricic, Manager Environmental Assessment Section 100 N. Senate Avenue Room N755 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2219

Dear Mr. Juricic:

Thank you for your past cooperation on our joint efforts to provide a safe and efficient crossing of the Wabash River and Mauck's Pond.

In order for us to obtain Design Approval for this project, we must show evidence of where wetland mitigation will occur.

General discussions between our respective environmental persons indicate that mitigation of the fractional acreage of wetland loss in Illinois would be better mitigated if it were included with the approximately 0.5 - 1.3 acres of wetland loss in Indiana. (The final amount depends on the selected Alternative). It has further been discussed that the majority of wetland loss occurs in Indiana. Therefore, we are formally requesting your concurrence with the following:

"Wetland impacts, relative to the construction or replacement of the Wabash River and Mauck's Pond structures carrying Illinois Route 15 and Indiana Route 64, shall be mitigated in the State of Indiana to the satisfaction of Indiana State and Federal regulatory agencies."

Should you have any questions or comments, please call Terry Youngblood at (217)342-8249.

-2-Mr. James Juricic May 2, 1997

If you have no comments, please sign both copies of this document. Keep one copy for your files and return one copy to our office. It will then serve as documentation to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources that wetland impacts will be mitigated.

Very truly yours,

Victor O. Moslew
Victor A. Modeer
District Engineer

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STATE OF INDIANA CONCURRENCE:

State of Indiana Representative

8/28/97 Date